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SUBJECT: DEATH OF NANDA DEVI UNSOELD

1. EMBASSY LEARNED TODAY FROM LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT CONNECTED WITH NANDA DEVI EXPEDITION THAT ONE ITS MEMBERS, NANDA DEVI UNSOELD, DIED IN JOSHIMATH, UTTAR PRADESH. TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF DEATH, CONOFF CONTACTED INDIAN MOUNTAINEERING FEDERATION, NEW DELHI, WHO REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO TELEGRAM RECEIVED YESTERDAY EVENING FROM DECEASED'S FATHER, WILLI UNSOELD NOW IN JOSHIMATH NANDA DEVI UNSOELD DIED OF QUOTE ACTUTE MOUNTAIN SICKNESS UNQUOTE ON SEPTEMBER 8. HER BODY WAS BURIED LOCALLY. NO FURTHER DETAILS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BUT MOUNTAINEERING FEDERATION EXPECTED TO RELEASE OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN THIS RESPECT SEPTEMBER 18.

2. GROUP IS PART OF BICENTENNIAL CLIMBING EXPEDITION. WILLIE UNSOELD IS KNOWN MOUNTAINEER AND DAUGHTER WAS IN FACT NAMED FOR MOUNTAIN ON WHICH SHE DIED. THERE WILL POSSIBLY BE PRESS INQUIRIES. SAXBE

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